

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES  
MADE, AND LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS WITH PROPER IDENTIFIERS**

1. (Currently amended) A method for producing a printing plate for intaglio printing, ~~characterized in that~~ comprising the steps of introducing depressions and/or lines are introduced into a base body made of a brass alloy and/or having an outer layer made of a brass alloy using a laser, wherein the brass alloy has a Vickers hardness which is greater than 140.
2. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ further comprising the step of removing melt burrs are removed after the introduction of the depressions and/or lines.
3. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the melt burrs are removed using a chemical posttreatment[[,]] ~~particularly an acid bath, an electrolytic bath, or the like.~~
4. (Currently amended) The method according to claim [[3]] 13, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the acid bath comprises acetic acid, phosphoric acid, and nitric acid[[,]] ~~particularly approximately 40 volume percent acetic acid, 50 volume percent phosphoric acid, and 10 volume percent nitric acid.~~
5. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1[[,]] ~~2, 3, or 4, characterized in that the depths of~~ wherein each of the depressions and/or lines and/or for a group of depressions and/or lines have depths which are predefined independently of one another.
6. (Currently amended) The method according to ~~one of claims 1 through 5~~ claim 1, characterized in that wherein a flat plate is used as the base body.

7. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the laser is attached to a slide element which is movable in at least two different directions that are essentially parallel to the flat plate.
8. (Currently amended) The method according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ further comprising the step of chroming the base body ~~is chromed in a further method step.~~
9. (Currently amended) The method according to ~~one of claims 1 through 8~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that the~~ further comprising the step of monitoring emission of laser pulses ~~is monitored~~ by a control device.
10. (Currently amended) A printing plate for intaglio printing, ~~characterized in that it comprises~~ comprising a base body made of a brass alloy and/or having an outer layer made of a brass alloy.
11. (Currently amended) The printing plate according to claim 10, ~~characterized in that it has~~ wherein the base body has depressions and/or lines of different depths, the depths of the depressions and/or lines being independent of ~~the~~ a width of the depressions and/or lines.
12. (Currently amended) The printing plate according to ~~one of claims 10 through 11~~ claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the brass alloy has a Vickers hardness ~~of the brass alloy which~~ is greater than 140.
13. (New) The method according to claim 3, wherein the melt burrs are removed using an acid bath.
14. (New) The method according to claim 3, wherein the melt burrs are removed using an electrolytic bath.

15. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein the acid bath comprises approximately 40 volume-percent acetic acid, 50 volume-percent phosphoric acid, and 10 volume-percent nitric acid.